

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 15, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)  
Rep. John L. Holden (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Grace, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 656, 3/10/1999  
HB 659, 3/10/1999  
HB 661, 3/10/1999  
HB 662, 3/10/1999

Executive Action:

HB 656 - Do Pass  
HB 662 - Table  
HB 513 - Do Pass as Amended  
LC 1925 - Do Pass  
HB 386 - Discussion Only

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 662**

**Motion/Vote:**

At the request of Rep. Walters, the sponsor, **Rep. Hanson MOVED**  
to **TABLE HB 662**. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.6}

**HEARING ON HB 656**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Sylvia Bookout Reinicke, House District 71  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.5}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Cort Harrington, County Treasurers Association  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None.

**Informational Testimony:**

Jane Jelenski, Montana Association of Counties  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.5}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4}*

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.3}*

HEARING ON HB 659

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Red Menahan, House District 17, Anaconda **EXHIBIT**(tah58a01)

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Cort Harrington, County Treasurers Association

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1}*

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6}*

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22}*

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.6}*

HEARING ON HB 661

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bill Rehbein, House District 100

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.9}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association  
**EXHIBIT**(tah58a02) **EXHIBIT**(tah58a03) **EXHIBIT**(tah58a04)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1}

Walter Webb, Tax Advisor, Montana Petroleum Association  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2}

Jerome Anderson, Shell Oil  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1}

Patrick Montalban, Small Independent Operators in Montana  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tom Daubert, Association of Montana Coal, Oil and Gas Counties  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8}

Informational Testimony:

Bryan Smith, Department of Revenue **EXHIBIT**(tah58a05)  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.8}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.8}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 513 - CONTINUED

Motion:

Rep. Holden MOVED HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.4}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5}

**Vote:**

On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 14 - 5. Story, Orr, Jackson, Davies and Gillan voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 656**

**Motion:**

Rep. Hanson MOVED HB 656 DO PASS.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.2}*

**Discussion:**

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5}*

**Vote:**

On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 20 - 0.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.7}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 386**

Discussion only. **EXHIBIT**(tah58a06) **EXHIBIT**(tah58a07)

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL - LC 1925**

**Motion:**

Rep. Harper MOVED direct staff to proceed with preparation of LC 1925 in bill form. **EXHIBIT**(tah58a08) On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 18 - 2. Holden and Rehbein voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.7}*

Adjourn.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.9}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:15 A.M.

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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

**EXHIBIT (tah58aad)**